



Proposed Code Change

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CODE SERVICES SECTION
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INSTRUCTIONS:

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Code Title IRC 2009		Edition 1 st 2009
Section number and title R-310 EMERGENCY ESCAPE AND RESCUE OPENINGS		Page 58
Proponent Phil Gettum	Title IHB Code Committee	
Address 4984 W. Smith Valley Rd, Greenwood, In 46142		Phone 317-888-5681
PROPOSED CODE CHANGE (Check One)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change to read as follows <input type="checkbox"/> Add to read as follows <input type="checkbox"/> Delete and substitute as follows <input type="checkbox"/> Delete without substitution		
<p>R310.1 Emergency Escape and Rescue Required. Basements, habitable attics and every sleeping room shall have at least one operable emergency escape and rescue opening. Where basements contain one or more sleeping rooms, emergency egress and rescue openings shall be required in each sleeping room. <u>The emergency egress and rescue openings provided in basement sleeping rooms shall also qualify as servicing the other non-sleeping room portions of a basement.</u> Where emergency escape.....(balance unchanged).</p>		
REASON AND FISCAL IMPACT		
<p>This change makes it clear that the minimum requirement for emergency escape and egress from a basement level is satisfied through the dual use of the required opening contained in each of the sleeping rooms and does not require a separate opening for the non-sleeping spaces.</p> <p>Incorrectly construing that this section means that each non-sleeping room basement space requires its own opening, in addition to the sleeping room, would add an extra \$2000-3000 of sales price to each home. Including at least one required opening supplies the occupants and/or firefighter a second way out from the basement level.</p>		
REVIEW RECOMMENDATION		
Approve		
Disapprove		
Approve as amended		
Further Study		